

ARTHRAOXON HISPIDUS VAR. CRYPTATHERUS (HACK.) HONDA IN PENNSYLVANIA.—In the November issue of RHODORA (page 395) are the following statements: "The eastern range 'Pennsylvania to Florida,' given by Hitchcock, Man. Grasses U. S. 725 (1935), needs clarification. This Asiatic plant is represented in the Gray Herbarium from Pennsylvania only by material from the Japanese Garden in the Centennial Grounds of Philadelphia in 1876. Mr. Long informs me that he knows no evidence of it in Pennsylvania except as *cultivated* in the Japanese Garden of 60 years ago!" In the U. S. National Herbarium there are, besides a cultivated specimen collected near "Japanese building, Centennial grounds," a collection by Burk in 1877 from the same place, evidently sent in answer to a query in Vasey's script "Does it continue in existence at the Centennial grounds?" and also a specimen labeled "on ship's ballast, Philadelphia, F. L. Scribner, 1878."

As explained in the introduction in the Manual (page 5) the dot on each state represents a specimen examined by the author. Introduced species may have died out and native ones may have been exterminated since the specimens which the dots represent were collected.—AGNES CHASE, Bureau of Plant Industry, Washington, D. C.

MOSS FLORA OF NORTH AMERICA.—Additional sections of this much-needed work continue to appear with pleasing regularity. Volume 3, part 1 was published in 1928 and Volume 3, part 2 in 1931. Since that time at least one part has been issued every year, with two in 1935. Four parts comprise a volume. Volume 3, covering the pleurocarpous mosses, has been completed and volume 2 lacks only the fourth part. These sections have been reviewed in previous issues of this Journal. Part I of volume 2¹ has now been published. This takes up the *Andreaeales* (by Dr. A. J. Sharp) and the following families of the Bryales: *Tetraphidaceae*, *Fissidentaceae*, *Archidiaceae* (by Dr. S. A. Cain), *Ditrichaceae*, *Seligeria-ceae*, and *Dicranaceae* (in part). The following new species are described: *Fissidens sublimbatus* Grout, *Fissidens orcutti* Grout, *Archidium floridanum* (Aust. ms.) Cain, *Pleuridium californicum* Grout, and *Dicranella stickinensis* Grout; and, in addition, three new varieties and two new forms. Nomenclatorial innovations comprise two new species-combinations and seven new variety- and form-combinations. More than 100 species or varieties are figured in the 38 plates, among these being 15 species which are here illustrated for the first time.—G. E. NICHOLS.

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¹ *Moss Flora of North America, north of Mexico*, by A. J. GROUT. Vol. 1, part 1, pp. 1-61, pls. 1-38. October, 1936.